

## 2006 GVAA FIELD MAINTENANCE INSTRUCTIONS

### **\*BOTH TEAMS' MANAGERS & COACHES ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR FIELD PREPARATION AND MAINTENANCE**

#### **\*Pre-Game:**

1. Install the bases (located in the storage sheds). The bases for Babe Ruth, Majors & Joey Wooden fields must be inserted in the ground mounts so that the corner of the base with the arrow points towards the pitchers mound. The old 14" bases will still be used on T-Ball, Cricket & White fields.
2. Inspect the field for holes, divots, trash, etc.
3. Obtain the gator from the Babe Ruth Shed and drag the field. The field should be dragged clockwise - from 3rd to 1st. Do not drag the batter box area - that should be raked only. On the fields with sprint turf - do not drag over any part of the sprinturf.
4. If unable to obtain gator, rake all dirt portions of the field and return rakes to the shed before the game
5. Use lime to create batters boxes (Majors and Babe Ruth use the proper templates) and 1st and 3rd baselines from home plate to the outfield grass. If there is no lime for lining the fields at your storage shed, a supply is stored at the shed behind the Babe Ruth clubhouse - use the gator to stock up your shed.
6. The control box & instructions for use of scoreboards are in the shed
7. Power switch for Babe Ruth and Joe Wooden fields scoreboards is in the gray box on the outside of the red power shed in the back parking lot.
8. If you are missing supplies or equipment that belongs in your shed or if the field is in disrepair when you show up for a game, inform your league commissioner as soon as possible.
9. For age groups using umpires (AA thru BR), if you must cancel your game, please call Ken Mair at 609-238-5262 to cancel the umpires at least one hour before game time. No emails!

#### **\*Post-Game:**

1. If last game of the day, remove all bases, insert the plugs and put them back in the appropriate storage shed.
2. Rake the entire infield using either rakes or dragging mats and place back in shed. DO NOT rake towards the outfield grass or leave the rakes out overnight, If it is light enough out, please obtain the gator from the Babe Ruth shed and drag the field again.
3. Clean up trash in dugouts and remove equipment
4. Tarps & rollers are available for Babe Ruth, Majors, Joey Wooden & White fields. If rain is in the forecast\*\*, you must cover the field with the tarps. Make sure that no part of the tarp is covering the grass. **\*\*Managers always check the next day's weather forecast before you leave for a game.** Turn off scoreboard and return control box & instructions to the shed. Be sure the main power switch is shut off.
6. If you are using the Joey Wooden, Majors, Babe Ruth or Giangiulio fields for night games, turn off all lights when your game is over.
7. Close and lock all sheds with combination locks provided.
8. **NEVER LEAVE THE FIELD UNTIL ALL PLAYERS HAVE BEEN PICKED UP- NO MATTER HOW OLD THE CHILD IS! THE MANAGER SHOULD BE THE LAST PERSON TO LEAVE THE FIELD**

**ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE BR, MAJORS & JOEY WOODEN FIELD  
MOUNDS:**

- 1. The mound must be watered before and after each use (practice or game)**
- 2. Pitchers are not allowed to dig in front of the rubber**
- 3. All holes on the mound must be filled in and packed**
- 4. The mound must be covered by the small tarp after the last game or practice of the day**